

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

July 8th, 2018

“The LORD of hosts is
with us; the GOD of
Jacob is our refuge”
(PSALM 46:7,11)



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Happy Birthday!

Lesia Groover's - July 11th

This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR

HEBREWS 1:1-3 — PURGED SINS

Recorded on Wednesday evening, March 8th, 2017

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WHO IS THE LORD TO YOU?

“AND PHARAOH SAID, WHO IS THE LORD, THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE TO LET ISRAEL GO? I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO.”

(EXODUS 5:2)

Though it is true that Pharaoh did not know the Lord, his words here profess much more than just that. Pharaoh is really saying, “Who or what is your God to me that I should obey Him or care what He says?” This is the attitude of the non-believing world today. Natural men and women have no fear of God because they do not know Him nor do they care to know Him.

Unregenerate people don't care who the Bible declares God to be and they have no interest in obeying His voice or commandments. Why? They do not know Him and they say in their hearts, if not with their voice, “Who is the Lord that I should obey Him?” But they will one day soon face the same end that Pharaoh did. *“For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth”* (ROMANS 9:17). God will receive all the glory in the salvation of His people and yet He will also receive all the glory in those whose hearts and minds bear enmity towards Him [PSALM 76:10].

What do you think of Christ? He is God the Son who holds the keys of life and death in His hand and turns it how, where, and when He pleases. Knowing Him is eternal life and not knowing Him is eternal death and condemnation (1 JOHN 5:12). You might not care right NOW who He is, but I promise you according to the Word of God that one day you will!

PASTOR **DAVID EDDMONSON**

NO RESERVE! NO RETREAT! NO REGRETS!

“THEY LOOKED UNTO HIM, AND WERE LIGHTENED:
AND THEIR FACES WERE NOT ASHAMED”

(PSALM 34:5)

A dear friend said to me recently that death was on his mind quite a bit. He could look at death without fear because he really believed that all that God required of him, He looked to His Son for. But he said that he would like to die with no regrets. He did not want to lie on his death-bed and regret how he treated anybody. It made me think of a story I once read about a young man who went overseas to be a missionary against his parent's wishes. He believed God had called him to it. Three weeks after his arrival he died of a disease he caught the very first week he was there. A wasted life? His father went to the country to get his son's belongings and bring them back. He opened his son's Bible and found three things written....

“No reserve. No retreat. No regrets.”

Oh that these words would characterize our service for Christ! No reserve! No retreat! No regrets!

PASTOR TODD NIBERT

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD,
thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an *expected end*.”

—JEREMIAH 29:11

GRACE AND TRUTH

“...AS SIN HATH REIGNED UNTO DEATH, EVEN SO MIGHT GRACE REIGN THROUGH
RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO ETERNAL LIFE BY JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”

(ROMANS 5:21)

Grace and truth are fitly and inseparably joined together. We cannot have grace without truth, nor truth without grace. Those who reject grace, reject truth, and those who reject truth, reject grace. “Grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (ROMANS 5:21). The grace which saves the sinner is not mere pity and sentiment such as we find in the creature. The grace which saves sinners is established on the principles of an honored law and a satisfied justice (ROMANS 3:23-26, ISAIAH 42:21). Grace does not ignore the law nor set aside its requirements. No! It establishes the law (ROMANS 3:31). Grace establishes the law because it has a Substitute who perfectly fulfilled the law and endured the death penalty for all who believe, in order that God may be both just and justifier.

PASTOR HENRY MAHAN

A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

“...NOAH...A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS...”

(2 PETER 2:5)

Noah was called a preacher of righteousness. For 120 years he preached a holy and righteous God, and Christ the believer's righteousness. Think about it. He preached for 120 years and did not see one convert... not one! Not one person came into that ark, except his family. But then, imagine how grateful Noah was for those 7 souls... his family. I'll bet Noah continued preaching afterward...to just 7 souls. And he was mighty thankful for his little congregation.

PASTOR PAUL MAHAN

CHRIST PURGED OUR SINS

“...BY HIMSELF PURGED OUR SINS...”

(HEBREWS 1:3)

Beloved, our LORD declares ever so blessedly, our sins have been purged! O how wonderful, how marvelous—can it be!? Every sin I have ever committed, every wicked and lofty thought of iniquity I have ever held, all the horridness of my words, deeds, and thoughts the LORD of glory has taken them upon Himself. He declares in the covenant of grace: Heavenly Father, my beloved is washed in my blood. I have taken her sins and made them my very own, they are to be forever remembered for eternity as my sins; I have put them away by the sacrifice of Myself. My people's “*sins and iniquities*” are remembered no more! (HEBREWS 10:17) Beloved, the Lord Jesus of Himself, by Himself alone, and by the sacrifice of Himself made atonement for the sins of His people.

Beloved our heavenly Father “*hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*” He took our sins upon Himself, bore them and died under the penalty of them; He has purged them completely. The prophet declares “*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised [crushed in the winepress of God's wrath] for our iniquities—the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all*” (ISAIAH 53:4-6) All this was done beloved, *in the body of His flesh through His sin atoning death—to present you HOLY and UNBLAMEABLE and UNREPROVEABLE in His sight! AMEN!* (COLOSSIANS 1:22).

PASTOR